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Testimony of Mike Boysza, Carpenters Local 153 and Local 557, on House Bill 5, in hearings before the Taxation Committees, May 10, 2007

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Mike Boysza. I am a 34-year member of the Carpenters Union, and am privileged to represent 1,100 workers in Montana.

I am here today to speak in support of House Bill 5, and I thank my fellow union member, Rep. Mike Lange, for introducing this bill.

Working families – parents, grandparents and young people – deserve the tax cuts offered in this legislation, because it's time for regular people to get a break. And I also appreciate the feature of the bill that requires mostly non-Montana residents and out-of-state corporations to pay their fair share of taxes in order to fund tax cuts for Montana families.

Working people will put the tax cuts back into our state's economy. If we get a little extra money in our pockets, like the \$400 rebate to homeowners and the renters' credit, we spend it in local grocery stores, restaurants and Main Street businesses. We pay our bills, go to the dentist and invest in home improvements. Our money gets spent in Montana.

The bill is good for working people, retirees, students and Montana businesses. For these reasons, I urge you to vote "yes" on House Bill 5. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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